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Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1-31 of United States Patent Application No. 09/905,401. Applicant submits the record as a whole makes evident the reasons for allowance and that there are additional reasons for patentability not enumerated by the Examiner. While Applicant agrees with the Examiner's reasons for patentability to the extent such reasons are consistent with the record as a whole, Applicant does not acquiesce or agree to any characterization of the claims that place unwarranted limitations or interpretations upon the claims, especially to the extent such limitations or interpretations are inconsistent with the claim language, specification or prior prosecution history in this case.

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